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FM AMEMBASSY LONDON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6613

INFO AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

AMEMBASSY AMMAN

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

USINT BAGHDAD

AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY MANAMA

AMEMBASSY MUSCAT

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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KUWAIT ALSO PASS DOHA

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TAGS: PBOR, PINT, KU, IZ, UK

SUBJECT: KUWAITI-IRAQI TENSIONS

REF: KUWAIT 5282

1. ACTING HEAD FCO ME DEPARTMENT (FORMER HEAD PATRICK
WRIGHT HAS GONE OFF TO BECOME PM WILSON'S PRIVATE SECRE-
TARY) CALLED US DECEMBER 13 TO SAY HE HAD FINALLY RE-
CEIVED A POUCHED REPORT OF BRITISH AMBASSADOR'S CONVER-
SATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER (REFTEL). ACCORDING TO
AMBASSADOR, FOREIGN MINISTER SAID HE REMAINED WORRIED
ABOUT IRAQI INTENTIONS BUT THOUGHT BEST THING WOULD BE
TO PLAY THEM DOWN. HE SUGGESTED RECENT SMALL MOVEMENT OF
IRAQIS OVER BORDER WAS PROBABLY RESULT OF AN "IMMATURE
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INITIATIVE" BY A JUNIOR OFFICER--THOUGH HE WOULD NOT COM-

PLETELY RULE OUT POSSIBILITY IT WAS INSPIRED BY BAGHDAD.

2. FONMIN REPORTEDLY RULED OUT IRAQI ATTEMPT TO TAKE
OVER KUWAIT, SINCE "THIS IS THE 20TH CENTURY."

3. COMMENT: FCO OFFICIALS CONTINUE RELAXED ON THIS ONE.

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